

**New Shoreham Town Council & Town Manager
Work Session Meeting Agenda
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
Wednesday, June 5, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

Present: First Warden Kimberley Gaffett, Second Warden Kenneth C. Lacoste, Town Councilor Kenneth C. Lacoste, Councilor Norris Pike and Councilor Chris Warfel. Also present was Town Manager Nancy O. Dodge. Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick took the minutes of the meeting.

Continued item: Discuss and act on building schedule for the Ball-O'Brien Park bathrooms/picnic shelter project

The Council discussed the picnic shelter bid specs and engineering.

First Warden Gaffett moved to stipulate the bathroom- picnic pavilion project be divided into two parts and to direct the Town Manager to proceed with the picnic pavilion portion as soon as possible, seconded by Mr. McGarry.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

Mr. Warfel asked for a timeline. Ms. Dodge said much will depend on the contractor's ability to manage ferry logistics after the bid is awarded. She will report on progress next Friday.

- **Receive and act on report from Town Councilman Warfel and Chief Carlone re: use of Weldon's Way**

Chief Carlone was present and said he has a written plan to monitor. He believes the situation is not perfect but it has improved from years past.

Councilor Warfel reported he and the Chief met with Leo and John Leone and Mike Finnimore. The Moped Man and Miles-Un-Limited were not represented. Mr. Warfel said they discussed the problem with the way Weldon's Way was being used to conduct training and test rides for people before they rented mopeds. The moped dealers declined to pursue an offer from the Seacrest to enter into an agreement for the use of Seacrest property for training. The dealers agreed to create:

- A clearly designated drop-off place for mopeds on dealer property, off the road
- A designated off-road area on dealer property to orient and test customers regarding the location and use of vehicle controls (brake, foot pegs, helmet)

Mr. Warfel said the moped dealers identified a problem with customers going up High Street, which turns into a dirt road. The dealers suggested the Town post informational signs directing people to interest points and legal travel routes for mopeds.

- A long discussion of road tests ensued
- Discussion of whether traffic can transit Weldon's Way safely while training is taking place on the road
- Mr. McGarry said in the past moped dealers were required to provide a designated area on their property for a training ride. Mr. Pike supported reintroducing the requirement.
- Discussion of a change made to state law some time ago which allowed the rental of motorized scooters without a motorcycle license
- Discussion of whether parking spaces on Weldon's Way were being blocked by moped businesses
- Discussion of whether the sidewalk was being blocked by mopeds or bicycles
- Long discussion of police presence. If a higher level of police coverage is needed for public safety, can the business owners be asked to pay for a detail? Would moped rental agreement need modification?

Mr. Warfel moved to authorize the Town's attorney to investigate the Moped Agreement and determine whether requiring moped businesses to pay for a police detail in Weldon's Way is in conflict with that agreement. Motion was seconded by Ms. Gaffett.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

Receive and act on Town Manager reports

- **Public Works**

- Update on Fred Benson Beach pavilion repairs

Repairs are continuing and the Town Manager estimated the beach pavilion will be open in about two weeks, by June 17 or 18. The plumbing and most of the electrical is done. The cleanout of the gray water and septic systems is complete. The railing and deck work continue. Mr. Warfel and Mr. McGarry discussed processing an adjustment for the concessionaire.

- **Review Councilman Warfel's April 23 letter re: Sewer Commission & staff (continued from 5/29/13)**

The letter contained concerns about the sewer bond and taxpayer liability for decisions made by the Sewer Commission.

- **Receive and act on Town Councilman Warfel's request re: "Green Earth Technologies"**

A brief discussion ensued of the biodegradable oil and cleaning products available.

Ms. Gaffett moved to ask the Town Manager to pass the information on to department heads for their review and ask them to evaluate and seriously consider biodegradable products for the town's use, seconded by Mr. Warfel.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

- **Discuss progress on proposed Tree Ordinance**

The Conservation Commission will be continuing to work on the ordinance.

- **Minutes: February 6, 2013 (open and closed); March 27, 2013; April 3, 2013 @ 6:00; April 3, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. (open and closed); April 8, 2013 (open and closed); April 10, 2013; May 15, 2013**

Mr. Lacoste moved, seconded by Mr. Pike, to approve the February 6, 2013 open session minutes.

Ayes: 4 (Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 (Gaffett)

Mr. Lacoste moved, seconded by Mr. Pike, to approve the February 6, 2013 closed session minutes.

Ayes: 4 (Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 (Gaffett)

Mr. McGarry moved, seconded by Mr. Lacoste, to unseal the closed session minutes of February 6, 2013.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

Ms. Gaffett moved, seconded by Mr. Pike, to approve the minutes of March 27, 2013 as amended.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

Ms. Gaffett moved, seconded by Mr. Lacoste, to approve the minutes of 6:00 p.m. April 3, 2013 continued from April 1, 2013.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel)

Nays: 0

Ms. Gaffett moved, seconded by Mr. Lacoste, to approve the minutes of 7:00 p.m. April 3, 2013 (open and closed sessions).

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

Mr. McGarry moved, seconded by Mr. Lacoste, to unseal the closed session minutes of 7:00 April 3, 2013.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

Ms. Gaffett moved, seconded by Mr. Lacoste, to approve the open and closed session minutes of April 8, 2013, as amended.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

Ms. Gaffett moved, seconded by Mr. Lacoste, to unseal the closed session minutes of April 8, 2013.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

Ms. Gaffett moved, seconded by Mr. Lacoste, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2013.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

Ms. Gaffett moved, seconded by Mr. Pike, to approve the minutes of May 15, 2013.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

At 8:50, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lacoste and seconded by Mr. Warfel.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Lacoste, McGarry, Pike, Warfel) Nays: 0

Minutes approved June 19, 2013

Fiona Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk